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PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Sam Sadler spent Sunday in Gholsonville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown spent a few days the past week in Enfield with friends and relatives.

Miss Bessie Mizell left Sunday for Hamilton, N. C., where she will spend some time with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Mary L. Stanley and son Buford spent Sunday in Gholsonville, Va., with her brother Mr. John Matthews who is seriously ill.

Miss Mary Stanley left Sunday for Diamond Grove, Va., where she goes to spend some time with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jim Brewer, of Diamond Grove, Va., arrived Sunday to spend some time with her mother Mrs. J. B. Green.

B. Marks spent the week-end in Norfolk.

W. H. Parsons, Jr., of New York City is spending several days in Roanoke Rapids on business.

J. A. Cheshire spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Messrs. Walter Cherry, Fennor Smith, and Clarence Grimmer spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mrs. Neill MacRae, and little son, of Littleton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her niece, Mrs. W. S. Hancock.

W. L. Moody left to-day for Danville to spend some time with relatives.

Messrs. George Fisher and Doyle Cannon after spending a few days in Washington and Baltimore returned home Monday.

Percy Sheffield arrived this week for a few days visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Bowers returned home Saturday from Emporia after a brief visit to her daughter Mrs. R. L. Byrd.

R. W. Clayton left Friday for Ashville to be gone several days visiting his parents.

Miss Irene Cannon returned from Henderson Monday after a few days visit to friends.

L. A. Grissom visited friends and relatives in Kittrell Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Brown after an extended visit to Miss Maude Thompson left Sunday for her home in Norfolk.

Miss Maude Thompson left Sunday for Norfolk and Baltimore to be gone several days visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Speight and children returned home the past week after an extended visit to relatives in Richmond.

R. G. Brown spent the week-end with his family in Enfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams returned Sunday from Nashville after a few days visit to relatives.

W. F. Horner spent Wednesday out of town on business.

J. J. Wade spent Sunday in Halifax with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Robinson and son returned home the past week after spending some time at Ocean View.

PRIMARY POLLS LIGHT VOTE

Little Opposition. J. E. Bowers Defeats S. M. Thompson For County Treasurer

HALIFAX COUNTY TICKET

The county primary held Thursday polled only a light vote in the Roanoke Rapids Precincts, Precinct No. 2 leading No. 1 by twenty votes in the number of votes cast, which indicates more effective work done around the polls at Rosemary. In the Statewide Primary more votes were polled at No. 1 Precinct than at No. 2.

The unusually light vote here was reflected all over the county and was due to the fact that very little opposition was manifested, only one office being contested, S. M. Thompson, of Rosemary opposing J. E. Bowers, of Scotland Neck, for Treasurer. Mr. Thompson polled 60 votes out of 83 cast at Rosemary and 21 out of 63 cast at Roanoke Rapids. Incomplete returns from other precincts indicate the renomination of Mr. Bowers by a big majority.

The Democratic ticket for Halifax County will be as follows: J. H. Norman, for Register of Deeds, Joseph A. House, for Sheriff, W. R. Harvey, S. G. Whitfield, W. F. Horner, J. E. Branch, S. T. Thorne, Jr., for County Commissioners, A. B. Schlichter, A. E. Carter, J. O. Applewhite, J. R. Dickens, S. P. Johnston, F. H. Gregory, Whit A. Johnston, W. G. Hedgepeth, Moses S. Strickland, Jno. L. Patterson, A. Paul Kitchen, and C. P. Bounds, for Highway Commission, H. G. Rowe, for Coroner, J. H. Darden, F. M. Taylor, for House of Representatives, W. L. Long for State Senator.

Baptist Church News Notes

The Ham revival closed Wednesday night with over a thousand people voting enthusiastically for Mr. Ham to return for another meeting in the future.

All persons who have given in their names for membership in the Baptist Church are urged to meet the pastor at the Church Friday night.

The baptizing will take place Sunday night at the Church. A full report of the meeting will appear next week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell spent the week-end at Ocean View.

Clyde Mizell left Sunday for Zebulon.

Jim Coppridge, of Raleigh, spent Thursday here on business.

Miss Lucille Edwards, of Seaboard, spent the weekend here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allsbrook.

Mrs. B. Marks and children left Sunday for Baltimore, New York, and Philadelphia where they will spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. W. G. Lynch and little son Graham spent a few days at Ocean View this week.

Messrs. J. C. Mullen, Frank Futrell and Mrs. James Tillery, Mrs. Hughes Anderson, Miss Kathrine Tillery and Miss Mary Tillery, of Scotland Neck, spent Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Tillery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Miss Ella Lee Chauncey, and Mr. S. F. Patterson motored to Kelford Wednesday for the baseball games between Roanoke Rapids and Kelford played there on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark spent the week-end at Pine Tops.

COMMISSIONERS MEET TO HEAR CHARGES

Officer J. R. Baird Exonerated By Mass Meeting Held in Auditorium Monday. Commissioners Unanimously Concur

NONE OF SERIOUS CHARGES PROVEN

One of the largest crowds the Graded School Auditorium has yet held gathered on last Monday evening to hear the presentation of evidence against the town officials in general and Chief J. R. Baird in particular in the attempt to substantiate some of the sensational charges made by Rev. J. W. Ham, who has been conducting a tent revival here for some weeks.

The first request of the Board of Town Commissioners that Mr. Ham present the evidence on which his charges that Officer Baird was "cognizant of and in sympathy with the gamblers of the community" were based, was refused by Mr. Ham on the ground that he did not have evidence which would stand in court. Later, after making renewed charges, and being again solicited by the Board of Commissioners for evidence sustaining such charges, Mr. Ham agreed to have the evidence presented before the Board although still refusing to appear personally.

In view of the intense excitement and partisanship developed in the community over the altercation between the church and the law as exemplified in Minister Ham and Officer Baird, police were detailed for duty in the Auditorium and held in readiness to quell any personal altercations which might arise between overheated disputants.

The proceedings were opened by J. T. Chase, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, briefly stating the object of the mass meeting of the citizenry, and announcing that the commissioners were ready to hear charges as to any violations of law committed in Roanoke Rapids by any person or persons whomsoever.

Mr. Chase stated that charges to be substantiated must be presented in a manner to conform to the rules of evidence in ordinary judicial procedure; that the Board could not act on unsubstantiated hearsay evidence, but stood ready to enforce the law and cause warrants to be issued against anyone transgressing the laws in any particular.

R. M. James thereupon read a list of the charges brought against Chief of Police J. R. Baird, and charged, as being of his own personal knowledge, that Mr. Baird was delinquent in making arrests for violation of the automobile speed law; that Baird had not, after complaint had been made, effected the closing of J. W. Lynch's barber shop on Sunday; and that he had seen Chief Baird on "the streets of Roanoke Rapids" when he had whiskey in him.

J. L. Daughtry stated he had taken drinks with Chief Baird. On examination did not remember ever having seen Baird drunk on duty. This witness also stated he had seen Baird with whiskey in the presence of a minor, which was denied by two of the alleged witnesses.

H. G. McDonald stated he had never taken a drink with Chief Baird and the statement was made by those bringing charges that Mr. McDonald's name had been listed through mistake. G. R. Jones had taken a drink with Baird. A. J. Thompson had drunk with Baird. Neither had ever seen him drunk.

No evidence was brought forward to sustain the charges that gambling occurred in the Club over the postoffice. Various witnesses testified that only setback was played, and that purely for amusement. After discussion by adherents of both sides, a motion to adjourn the meeting, put by Hon. W. L. Long at the conclusion of an impassioned address in defense of Mr. Baird, was carried.

OFFICER RESENTS PREACHER'S CHARGES

J. R. Baird Inflicts Personal Chastisement on J. W. Ham for Violent Attacks From Pulpit

OFFICER FINED FIVE DOLLARS

Five dollars fine and costs was the decision of Recorder Wm. S. Saunders in the case of the State against Chief J. R. Baird for simple assault on Rev. J. W. Ham committed in Hancock House Company's store on last Friday morning.

Not since the Cobb case was tried in the local courts years ago has such an imposing array of counsel appeared. J. R. Baird was represented by Attorneys A. L. Clark, W. L. Long, and George C. Green, while Wm. L. Knight and W. E. Daniel were retained by J. W. Ham to aid in the prosecution.

Officer Baird entered a plea of guilty as to the assault, and placed one witness after another on the stand to prove that he had been twice assailed from the pulpit by Preacher Ham, who had charged the officer with being derelict in his duties, cognizant of gambling and the selling of whiskey by blind tigers and in sympathy with the same. The testimony of Mr. Ham himself practically confirmed that of other witnesses as to the words he had used in referring to Mr. Baird. On cross examination Mr. Ham stated that he could not prove the charges he had made as they were based only on hearsay evidence. He stated that he had been told by many people, "the best people in town", that Chief Baird was in sympathy with gamblers, but no amount of cross examination could elicit the name of a single person who had so informed him; he simply could not recall a single name. Mr. Ham stated he was not solvent and admitted that he knew before making the statements that a judgement against him for slander would be worthless.

Testimony as to the assault was to the effect that Mr. Baird had approached Mr. Ham in Hancock-House Company's store, cursed him and struck him a glancing blow with his fist and attempted to choke him before being quieted by onlookers. Mr. Baird was not an officer at the time of the assault having been relieved from duty by the Board of Commissioners Friday on account of sickness in his home.

After a masterly summing up of the evidence by counsel for both sides, Recorder Saunders placed a fine of five dollars and costs on officer J. R. Baird, which was immediately paid by friends of the policeman in the court room.

Robert West

After an illness of some months duration, Mr. Robert West passed away at his home, the Roanoke Rapids Hotel, on last Monday, July 31.

Mr. West was seventy years of age, having been born in Princess Anne County, Virginia, in 1846. He moved to Roanoke Rapids from Waverly, Virginia, several years ago, taking charge of the Roanoke Rapids Hotel, which he has operated ever since.

Mr. West is survived by a wife and two children, Taylor West, of Roanoke Rapids, and Mr. N. E. Norris, of Waverly, Virginia.

He was affiliated with the Methodist Church and Rev. Geo. S. Bearden accompanied the remains to the Tabernacle Methodist Church, near Townsville, and there conducted the funeral services.

Mr. West was a man of attractive personality and a warm-hearted and generous disposition. The esteem and affection he awakened in all who knew him was eloquently testified by the number and the beauty of the floral offerings which were laid upon his bier.

COMMISSIONERS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Chase Telegram to Chief of Police of Elizabeth City Endorsed. W. E. Woodruff Re-elected Commissioner

SPEED FIENDS ORDERED PROSECUTED

The Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in the Mayor's Office on last Thursday evening, Mayor J. W. Taylor presiding, the following commissioners being present: J. T. Chase, S. J. Bounds, W. P. Taylor, and J. T. Stainback.

The Commissioners voted a resolution endorsing the telegram sent to the Chief of Police at Elizabeth City by Commissioner J. T. Chase asking about the reputation and conduct of J. W. Ham while in Elizabeth City, as this telegram was sent to determine the truth of a statement which had been called to the attention of the Board.

W. E. Woodruff was re-elected commissioner to fill his own unexpired term. Mr. Woodruff resigned at the July meeting but later consented to serve out the term of office to which he was elected.

Chief of Police J. R. Baird was ordered to continue the work of getting names and evidence against automobilists violating the speed law and to have warrants issued against all parties apprehended at the earliest possible moment.

Stancell News

Misses Mary Fleetwood and Lucy Clements spent last week in Roanoke Rapids and Thelma.

Geo. Steele called on Miss Tempe Cleaton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bradley, of Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived here Monday where they will spend some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clements.

Little Lottie Grant is home after spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy V. Grant, near Garysburg.

Revival Services will be held at Oak Grove M. E. Church, the week following the first Sunday in August.

Miss Lucille Clements and J. H. Shaw spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Charlie Grant.

After an extended visit with friends in Lawrenceville, Mrs. Annie Grant is home again.

Mr. Walter Clements attended the ball game in Roanoke Rapids Saturday.

R. H. Gray called on Miss Blanche Vincent Sunday.

VULTURE ITEMS

Mrs. R. E. Baird is home after spending some time in Petersburg with her mother Mrs. Anna Vincent.

C. W. and J. F. Vincent motored to Jackson Friday on business.

Misses Viola and Ruth Glover are spending some time in Henderson with relatives.

Miss Tempe Cleaton was the guest of the Misses Vincent Tuesday.

J. C. Vincent was in Roanoke Rapids Saturday on business.

Messrs. Edward Lesley and Clair Wayne, of Emporia, called on Misses Olivia and Josie Vincent Friday evening.

Rufus Gray motored to Richmond Friday.

William Vincent attended the ball game in Roanoke Rapids Saturday afternoon.

B. W. and C. W. Vincent called on J. A. Shaw Sunday who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Vincent, Jr., spent the week-end in the home of his father, B. W. Vincent.

WEAVERS CLOSE TO FIRST PLACE

Have Taken Three Out of Last Five Games And Are Only Sixty Points Behind Emporia

TAKE TWO FROM KELFORD

STANDING OF THE CLUBS			
AUGUST 4, 1916			
	Won	L	Pct.
Emporia	20	12	.625
ROANOKE RAPIDS	18	14	.563
Franklin	10	22	.313

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW - FRANKLIN AT ROANOKE RAPIDS

With eight games yet to play Roanoke Rapids is in sixty points of the leaders in the Tri-Town League. Every game from now on is going to tell heavily in the grand old game of "Who Gets the Pennant" and Manager John W. is fully alive to this situation and the team is getting on the job in fine shape.

Roanoke Rapids took three of the five league games played since last Thursday and also won both of the outside games played with Kelford on last Wednesday and Thursday. Today and to-morrow the Weavers play Franklin at the local grounds. Monday and Tuesday, August 7 and 8, the Petersburg Virginia League team plays here. Kelford comes up for revenge on next Friday and Saturday at the Roanoke Rapids Park.

PATTERSON MILLS WHITE-WASH HENDERSON

Patterson Mills won from Henderson Saturday in a very good game by the score of 7 to 0. Snotherly started the mound work for Patterson Mills but walked out in second inning on account of sickness. Manager Hodges sent "Lefty" Henry in who was in great form from beginning to end allowing only two hits and fanning six batters. Blake for Henderson was a little wild walking three and allowing 12 hits three being for extra bases.

Sanders, Hodges and Barrett featured with the stick for Patterson Mills Sanders getting two doubles and a single out of three times up.

Score by innings:
Patterson Mill, 121 003 00x-7
Henderson, - - 000 000 000-0
Time: 1hr. 40 min. Attendance 500, Umpires Dobbin and Hinson.

Visit the Cemetery

We call upon every person in the entire community to visit the cemetery on Sunday afternoons. When you are taking a walk with your friend, wife, husband, or sweetheart, why not go out to see the cemetery? We want to keep the cemetery in good shape, and to do so we need your cooperation. Go next Sunday afternoon and remember that the following Sunday afternoon we are to have public exercises there.

R. L. TOPPING, Sec'y.

Christian Church Cleanings

The "Red" side has 306 points, and the "Blue" side has 241 points in the contest now on in the Christian Sunday School.

Ten were added to the church during the month of July. The membership now numbers 249.

The church is just two years old. The Christian minister has the distinction of being the oldest minister in town, and the youngest in point of service, and youngest in age. He begins the third year of his ministry.

The Sunday School at Roanoke Rapids is progressing nicely. We had 51 present, the fourth Sunday in July. 25 were present last Sunday.

The minister has just closed a revival at Lowland in Pamlico County, in which there were five additions.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Rosemary Baptist Church
Rev. A. C. Chaffin, Pastor
Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week services Wednesday nights at 7:30 P. M.
The public is cordially invited to all services.

Presbyterian Church
Sunday School at 9:45.
Rev. Mr. Millard of Littleton, will preach at 11 o'clock also at 8 o'clock at night.
He will lecture to the Bible Class. All members are urged to be present.

Rosemary Methodist Church
Rev. W. R. Shelton, Pastor
Sunday School at ten o'clock.
J. B. Boyd, Supt.
Services First and Third Sundays at 11 A. M. and every Sunday at 8 P. M.
Prayer service Tuesday evening.
Choir practice Thursday evening.

Episcopal Church
Henry Clark Smith, Rector
Services in All Saints Mission every Sunday, except fourth Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Holy Communion every second, third and fourth Sundays at 8 A. M.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 A. M.
Sunday School in Rosemary at 9:30.
Choir practice Friday at 8 P. M.
You are cordially invited to every service of the church.

Baptist Church
Rev. C. H. Trushood, Pastor
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 A. M. W. S. Hancock, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock.
Senior B. Y. P. U. every first Sunday at 7:15 P. M.
Junior B. Y. P. U. every Sunday at 2:30 P. M. and Junior choir.
Sunbeam Band every second and fourth Saturday at 2:35 P. M.
The public is cordially invited to all services.

Methodist Church
Rev. Geo. S. Bearden, Pastor
Morning Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock. W. V. Woodruff, Supt.
Preaching at 11 A. M. Subject: "The Soil, four Kinds."
Preaching at 8 P. M. Subject: "The Parable of the Mustard Seed."
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8 P. M.
Good music.
The public is invited to all services.

First Christian Church
Raleigh L. Topping, Minister
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:45 in new Tabernacle, Roanoke Avenue, corner of Ninth Street. And every Sunday afternoon in the Old Red Men's Hall at Roanoke Rapids at three o'clock. "Get the habit".
Preaching Sunday morning and night by the pastor.
Prayer meeting at Tabernacle every Wednesday night.

Aid meeting for Rosemary and Patterson members at the Tabernacle every Thursday night. For Roanoke Rapids members at Roanoke Rapids in the homes of members every Friday night.

Cottage prayer meetings as follows: Roanoke Rapids every Monday night; Rosemary every Friday night; Patterson every Tuesday night.
Mrs. Leslie Mosher, who has been studying voice the past season under Mr. Earl G. Terry, will sing a solo: "Come Unto Me", by Cohen, at the Christian Tabernacle, Roanoke Avenue, corner of Ninth Street next Sunday night. It was said by one who heard her sing recently that "it is a sermon in itself."

